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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL KIM

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1. FISHERIES PROMOTION BUREAU DIRECTOR AHN, MYONG NAM
CONFIDED TO EMBOFF APRIL 11 THAT OFA IS BECOMING WORRIED
THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL KIM'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO US WILL BE
A FAILURE AND AN EMBARRASSMENT TO KIM. CONCERN IS BASED
ON GROWING REALIZATION THAT EXCEPT FOR PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING FISHERIES COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE, KIM
IS LIKELY TO RETURN TO KOREA EMPTY HANDED. THIS, ACCORDING
TO AHN, WOULD PUT OFA IN DIFFICULT POSITION BEFORE BOTH
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND CABINET. HE ASKED EMBOFF FOR SUGGESTIONS
FOR SPECIFIC STEPS USG COULD TAKE TO BENEFIT KOREAN FISHERIES
AS PROVIDED FOR IN FISHERIES AGREEMENT. HE ASSERTED ALL
ROK GOT OUT OF AGREEMENT WAS RIGHT TO EXPORT FROZEN OYSTERS,
WHICH HE REGARDS AS MINOR BENEFIT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, EMBOFF ADMITTED HE HAS
BEEN PUZZLED FROM THE START AS TO WHAT KIM HOPED TO GAIN
FROM TRIP, ALTHOUGH PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR
MCKERNAN AND OTHERS IS WORTHWHILE IN ITSELF. HE THEN
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REITERATED THAT PROSPECTS FOR INCREMENTAL U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE EARMARKED FOR THE KOREAN FISHING INDUSTRY CONTINUE TO BE DIM, AND ALSO RE- EMPHASIZED THAT PERMISSION FOR A KOREAN TANNER CRAB FISHERY ON THE U. S. CONTINENTAL SHELF ALSO APPEARS TO BE OUT OF THE QUESTION. IN RESPONSE, AHN GLOOMILY REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY PRESS WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, AND EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT CONVERSATION WOULD BE REPORTED.

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